Electronic Supplementary Information

<u>Title:</u> An efficient and heterogeneous recyclable palladium catalyst for chemoselective conjugate reduction of α,β-unsaturated carbonyls in aqueous medium

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A) Typical experimental procedure for chemoselective conjugates reduction of benzylideneacetophenone

In a 10 mL deionised water, 1 mmol of benzylideneacetophenone, 3 mmol of HCOONa and polymer supported Pd-NHC catalyst (50 mg, 0.015 mmol) were added in round bottom flask and the reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored using GC analysis (Perkin Elmer, Clarus 400) (BP-10 GC column, 30 m × 0.32 mm ID, film thickness 0.25 mm). On completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and the products were extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over Na_2SO_4 and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The obtained crude product was then purified by column chromatography using silica gel, (100–200 mesh size,) with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (PE–EtOAc, 95:05) as eluent to afford pure product.

Temperature programme for GC-MS Analysis



All products are known, which were confirmed by GC-MS analysis. Some of the selected compounds were characterized by different spectroscopic techniques such as ¹H NMR (Varian Mercury, 400 MHz NMR Spectrometer), ¹³C NMR spectra (75.43 MHz), GC-MS (Shimadzu GC-MS QP 2010) (Rtx-17, 30 m × 25mmID, film thickness 0.25 μm df) (column flow- 2 mL/min, 80 °C to 240 °C at 10°/min. rise.) and IR (Perkin-Elmer FT-IR) spectroscopic techniques.

B) A typical procedure for the preparation of polymer supported palladium-*N*-heterocyclic carbene (PS-Pd-NHC) catalyst

Step-1 Preparation of imidazolium-loaded polymeric support (MR-IMZ-Cl)

In 100 mL round bottom flask were added Merrifield peptide resin (2 % cross linked, 2.3 mmol Cl/g, Aldrich) 5 g, Nmethyl imidazole (20 mmol) in toluene (50 mL) and refluxed for 24 hour. On completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. It was then filtered and the residue obtained was washed with toluene, 0.1 mol/L HCl, water and methanol sequentially followed by drying under reduced pressure to afford imidazolium-loaded polymeric support MR-IMZ-Cl (loading of ionic liquid : 1.67 mmol/g, determined by elemental analysis). The catalyst was further characterized by FTIR to check the attachment of the ionic liquid. A strong band centred at 1569 cm⁻¹ confirms the attachment of the imidazole on Merrifield resin. Step-2 Preparation of polymer supported palladium-N- heterocyclic carbene complex with the imidazolium-loaded polymeric support (PS-Pd-NHC)

A mixture of the imidazolium loaded polymeric support (MR-IMZ-Cl) (1.0 g, 19.1 mmol/g) and Pd(OAc)₂ (0.225 g, 1 mmol) was suspended in DMF (20 mL). To this suspension an aqueous solution (20 mL) of Na₂CO₃ (1.06 g, 10.0 mmol) was added. The mixture was then sonicated at room temperature for 30 min and agitated in an orbital shaker at 50 °C for 2 h at 150 rpm. On completion, the reaction mixture was filtered and the polymeric support was washed vigorously with distilled water (10 mL × 5), MeOH (10mL × 5), and dried under reduced pressure to give PS-Pd-NHC. Prepared PS-Pd-NHC was then characterized by solid state ¹³C NMR (Bruker Avance^{III} 700 MHz); δ 14 (CH₃ aliphatic acetate skeleton), 38 (N-CH₃ skeleton), 41 (aliphatic polystyrene skeleton), 128 (NCH, NCH, aromatic polystyrene skeleton), 147 (NCN, aromatic polystyrene skeleton), 187 (C=O acetate skeleton).

Schematic representation of preparation of PS-Pd-NHC catalyst



The amount of Pd loaded on the polymeric support was determined by using ICP-AES analysis. The polymer supported palladium-*N*- heterocyclic carbene complex (50 mg) was treated with a mixture (25 mL) of hydrochloric acid and nitric acid (1:1, v/v) at room temperature for 30 minutes. The orange-coloured solution formed was filtered, washed with distilled water. The filtrate and washing solution were combined to determine the amount of Pd by Inductively Coupled Plasma-Atomic Emission Spectrometry (ICP-AES) and was found to be about 0.29 mmol/g of support.

Solid state ¹³C NMR spectra of PS-Pd-NHC complex





C) Characterisation data of some selected compounds:

1) 1, 3-Diphenyl-propan-1-one (Table 3 entry 1) White solid

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) δ =7.99(d, 2H, J=7.6 Hz), 7.6 (t, 1H, J=7.6 Hz), 7.5(m, 2H, J=8), 7.28 (d, 4H, J=7.6 Hz), 7.17 (d, 1H, J=7.2 Hz), 3.37 (t, 2H, J=8), 2.94 (t, 2H, J= 7.6 Hz); ¹³C (75 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) 199.1, 141.2, 136.5, 133.1, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 125.8, 39.5, 29.4; IR (KBr) vmax/cm⁻¹ 3061, 2927, 2341, 1957, 1824, 1681, 1595, 1494, 1448, 1208, 1075, 973, 928, 743, 701; GC-MS (EI) m/z (%) = 210(38) [M]⁺, 106(9), 105(100), 91(12), 77(42), 51(11) Retention time-14.8 minute.

2) 3-(4-Methoxy-phenyl)-1-phenyl-propan-1-one (Table 3 entry 2) White Solid

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) δ =7.97(d, 2H, J=7.2 Hz), 7.62 (t, 1 H, J=7.6 Hz), 7.51(t, 2H, J=8 Hz), 7.18(d, 2H, J=8.4 Hz), 6.83 (d, 2H, J=8.4 Hz), 3.7 (s, 3H), 3.32 (t, 2H, J=7.6), 2.8 (t, 2H, J=7.2); ¹³C (75 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) 199.2, 157.5, 136.6, 133, 129.4, 129.3, 128.6, 127.9, 113, 54.9, 39.2, 28.6; IR (KBr) vmax/cm⁻¹ 3000, 2958, 2823, 2356, 1896, 1681, 1608, 1510, 1447, 1237, 1033, 825, 744; GC-MS (EI) m/z (%) =240(40) [M]⁺, 135(12), 122(9), 121(100), 108(18), 105(47), 77(41), 78(8), 51(8) Retention time- 18.1 min.

3) 4-Phenyl-butan-2-one (Table 3 entry 5) Colourless Oil.

1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ =7.26 (t, 2H, J=7.6 Hz), 7.19 (d, 2H, J=8.4 Hz), 7.16(d, 1H, J=7.6 Hz), 2.76 (s, 4H), 2.1 (s, 3H); ¹³C (75 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) 207.5, 141.1, 128.9, 128.2, 125.7, 44.1, 29.6, 29.05; IR (neat) vmax/cm⁻¹ 3027, 2928,

1716, 1603, 1496, 1453, 1358, 1161, 1030, 749, 699; GC-MS (EI) m/z (%) = 148(83) [M]⁺, 147(4.5), 133(17), 106(10), 105(100), 104(14), 103(15), 91(74), 79(19), 78(16), 77(25), 65(14), 43(93) Retention time- 7.1 min.

4) Cyclohexanone (Table 3 entry 6) Colourless liquid

1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ =2.25 (t, 4H, J=6.4 Hz), 1.76 (t, 4H, J=6 Hz), 1.65 (d, 2H, J=4.4 Hz); ¹³C (75 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) 210, 41.31, 26.5, 24.3; IR (neat) vmax/cm⁻¹ 2938, 2863, 1711, 1449, 1421, 1338, 1311, 1222, 1119, 1052, 1018, 908, 864, 750; GC-MS (EI) m/z (%) = 98(39) [M]⁺, 83(10), 70(24), 69(32), 55(100), 54(8), 43(12), 42(7), 41(34) Retention time- 2.8 min.

5) 3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-phenyl-propan-1-one (Table 3 entry 8) off White solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) δ =7.97(d, 2H, J=8 Hz), 7.62 (t, 1 H, J=7.2 Hz), 7.51(t, 2H, J=7.6 Hz), 7.33(d, 2H, J=8.8 Hz), 7.27 (d, 2H, J=8.8 Hz), 3.37 (t, 2H, J=7.6), 2.9 (t, 2H, J=7.6); ¹³C (75 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) 198.9, 140.3, 136.5, 133.1, 130.4, 130.3, 128.6, 127.9, 39.9, 28.7; IR (KBr) vmax/cm⁻¹ 2929, 1967, 1903, 1682, 1492, 1448, 1261, 1094, 823,689; GC-MS (EI) m/z (%) =244(22) [M]⁺, 106(8), 105(100), 77(43), 51(10) Retention time- 17.1 min.

6) 1-Phenyl-3-thiophen-2-yl-propan-1-one (Table 3 entry 10) White Solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) δ=8.04(d, 2H, J=7.6 Hz), 7.69 (t, 1 H, J=7.2 Hz), 7.57(t, 2H, J=7.6 Hz), 7.34(d, 1H, J=4.4 Hz), 6.97 (d, 2H, J=4.4 Hz), 3.47 (s, 2H, J=7.2), 3.2 (t, 2H, J=7.2); ¹³C (75 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) 198.5, 143.6, 136.4, 133.1, 128.6, 127.8, 126.7, 124.7, 123.6, 39.6, 23.5; IR (KBr) vmax/cm⁻¹ 3104, 2923, 1980, 1683, 1595, 1446, 1363, 1207, 972,

747, 705; GC-MS (EI) m/z (%) =216(51) [M]⁺, 111(56), 110(14), 105(100), 97(64), 84(10), 77(75), 51(21), 45(13) Retention time- 15.1 min.

7) 3-Furan-2-yl-1-phenyl-propan-1-one (Table 3 entry 11) Yellow Oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) δ=8.0(d, 2H, J=8 Hz), 7.64 (t, 1 H, J=7.6 Hz), 7.53(d, 2H, J=7.6 Hz), 7.5(d, 1H, J=7.6 Hz), 6.34 (bs, 1H, J=8 Hz), 6.13 (bs, 1H, J=2.8 Hz), 3.38 (t, 2H, J= 7.2), 2.96 (t, 2H, J=7.2); ¹³C (75 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) 198.5, 154.6, 141.2, 136.44, 133.19, 128.7, 127.9, 105, 36.1, 21.9; IR (neat) vmax/cm⁻¹ 3061, 2920, 1685, 1597, 1507, 1448, 1363, 1206, 1076, 1012, 975, 921, 803, 733, 689; GC-MS (EI) m/z (%) =200(45) [M]⁺, 144(6), 106(9), 105(100), 95(35), 94(11), 91(14), 77(65), 53(12), 51(20) Retention time- 12.6 min.

Table 3 entry 1, ¹H

1,3-Diphenyl-propan-1-one

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MR 400 MHz

Analyst : NITIN

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Pulse Sequence: PROTON (s2pul) Solvent: dmso Data collected on: Nov 3 2010



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Table 3 entry 2, ¹H

3-(4-Methoxy-phenyl)-1-phenyl-propan-1-one

1H, DMSO-d6 Ref No : 04-031110-22

MR 400 MHz

Analyst : NITIN

Sample Name: 41-Crude Data Collected on: Varian-NMR-vnmrs400 Archive directory:

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Table 3 entry 5, ¹H

4-Phenyl-butan-2-one 048-Crude 1H,DMSO-d6 Ref No : 04-11110-33

MR 400 MHz

Analyst : RAVINDRA

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Table 3 entry 10, ¹H

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Analyst : SACHIN

File : xp Sample id : tmpstudy Sample : 045-Crude







3-Furan-2-yl-1-phenyl-propan-1-one 066-Crude 1H DMSO-d6 File Ref No :09-111110-28 MR 400

Analyst : SACHIN

File : xp Sample id : tmpstudy Sample : 066-Crude



